



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

Agenda Item No. **19**

City Manager's Approval

To: City Council Members
From: Mayor Kevin Hanley
Date: November 25, 2013
Subject: Nomination of Colonel Bud Anderson to the California Hall of Fame

The Issue

Should the City Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Nomination Committee to support the nomination of Colonel Bud Anderson to the California Hall of Fame?

Conclusion and Recommendation

That the City Council, by motion, authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Nomination Committee to support the nomination of Colonel Bud Anderson to the California Hall of Fame.

Background

At the November 7th fundraising event at the Douglas Van Howd studio to raise funds to complete and display a sculpture of Colonel Bud Anderson at the Auburn Airport and Business Park, Congressman Doug LaMalfa announced that he and Senator Jim Nielsen had submitted an application to induct Colonel Anderson into the California Hall of Fame. As seen in the enclosed draft letter, I believe that the Auburn City Council should support this nomination. He is one of the most prominent Californians in our state's history and a national hero. I believe that our support and our encouraging of other organizations to support the nomination will increase the likelihood that Colonel Bud Anderson will be inducted into the California Hall of Fame.

Alternatives Available to the Council

Do not send a letter of support.

Fiscal Impact

None.

November 26, 2013

California Hall of Fame Nomination
ATTN: Nomination Committee
c/o The California Museum
1020 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Members of the Nomination Committee:

At our November 25th meeting, the Auburn City Council voted to strongly support the nomination and selection of Colonel Clarence "Bud" E. Anderson into the California Hall of Fame. As a United States Air Force "triple ace" against the Luftwaffe in World War II, he exemplifies the California spirit and is a national hero.

Anderson was born in Oakland, California on January 13, 1922, grew up on a farm in Newcastle, California and now lives in Auburn, California. Anderson flew two tours of combat against the Luftwaffe with the 357th Fighter Group based at RAF Leiston, England. His P-51 Mustang, nicknamed the *Old Crow*, carried him safely through 116 missions and his 16 ¼ aerial victories earned him the coveted "triple ace" status. General Yeager, who also served in the 357th Fighter Group and is a California Hall of Fame inductee, called Anderson "The best fighter pilot I ever saw."

In his over 30 years of distinguished military service, Anderson served as a test pilot at Wright Field and Edwards Air Force Base, flew over 100 types of aircraft and was decorated 25 times. Upon retirement from active duty, Anderson became manager of the McDonnell Aircraft Company's Flight Test Facility at Edwards Air Force Base.

In 1990, Anderson wrote the book *To Fly and Fight, Memoirs of a Triple Ace*. On July 19, 2008, Anderson was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame. On June 11, 2012, the City of Auburn named a road leading to the Auburn Airport as *Colonel Bud Anderson Drive*. Members of the Auburn community have raised tens of thousands of dollars and will soon be erecting a beautiful sculpture of Colonel Anderson in a prominent location at the Auburn Airport and Business Park.

Colonel Bud Anderson represents every good about our state and our nation and we believe that inducting him into the California Hall of Fame would allow more residents and visitors to the Museum to learn about dedication, courage and teamwork. The qualities of Colonel Bud Anderson are the same qualities that make California great. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hanley
Mayor of Auburn